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§7–213.1.

(a) In this section, “special medical needs facility” includes:

(1) an assisted living facility as defined in § 19–1801 of the Health – General Article;

(2) a congregate housing services program under Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the Human Services Article;

(3) a hospice facility as defined in § 19–901 of the Health – General Article;

(4) a hospital as defined in § 19–301 of the Health – General Article or a similar institution;

(5) a nursing home as defined in § 19–1401 of the Health – General Article; or

(6) any other type of facility that the Commission designates in regulation as a special medical needs facility.

(b) The purpose of this section is to:

(1) further the service quality and reliability goals under § 7–213 of this subtitle as they relate to special medical needs facilities; and

(2) encourage the reliable delivery of service to special medical needs facilities.

(c) The Secretary of Health shall:

(1) on or before January 1 of each year, establish and provide a list of special medical needs facilities, including the licensed capacity of each facility, to each electric company for its service territory;

(2) post the list required under item (1) of this subsection on the Web site of the Maryland Department of Health; and

(3) establish a procedure to allow a special medical needs facility to remove its information from the list established under item (1) of this subsection.

(d) On or before April 1 of each year, an electric company shall submit to the Commission as part of the electric company's annual performance report under § 7-213(g) of this subtitle:

(i) a list of special medical needs facilities that are served by protective devices that activated five or more times during the reporting period, resulting in a power outage;

(ii) a list of special medical needs facilities that experienced a service interruption that:

1. exceeded 4 consecutive hours during the reporting period;
and

2. was reported to or was otherwise known to the electric company;

(iii) a list of special medical needs facilities that are served by the 3% of feeders assigned to an electric company's service territory in the State that are identified by the electric company as having the poorest reliability during the reporting period; and

(iv) a description of the electric company's performance in assessing and acting to remediate, and future plans and proposals to improve, the reliability of feeders and protective devices identified under this subsection.

(e) This section does not prohibit the Commission from taking the corrective action authorized in § 7-213(f)(2) of this subtitle against an electric company that fails to meet any or all of the applicable standards.

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